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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF
SUBJ: VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATS' REQUEST FOR ASYLUM

REF: A. TOKYO 5740 B. STATE 104054 C. STATE 104017

1. GVN EMBASSY (NGUYEN ANH TUAN) CONFERRED WITH FONOFF
FIRST SE ASIA DIVDIR HANABUSA MAY 3 REGARDING STATUS OF GVN
DIPLOMATS. HANABUSA DID NOT GO INTO DETAILS BUT, TUAN
TOLD US, HANABUSA MENTIONED IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES AND TOLD
TUAN THAT GOJ WOULD TREAT GVN DIPLOMATS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
VIENNA CONVENTION. HANABUSA SAID DIPLOMATS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO
REMAIN IN JAPAN FOR "REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME" WHILE SEARCHING
FOR THIRD COUNTRY TO WHICH TO GO. FONOFF INFORMED
GVN EMBASSY THAT GOJ WOULD RECOGNIZE PRG IN A FEW DAYS, AT ONE
POINT MENTIONING MAY 10 AS DATE FOR RECOGNITION. TUAN DESCRIBED
THIS INFO AS THE SOLE AND ONLY AN INDIRECT FORM OF PRESSURE
ON DIPLOMATS TO LEAVE. AMB DAN WILL SEE VICE FONMIN TOGO MAY 6,
AFTER WHICH WE MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL INFO.

2. TUAN MADE REQUEST FOR ASYLUM FOR ALL GVN EMBASSY DIPLOMATS
TO UNHCR CORRESPONDENT SAITO MAY 3, ALONG LINES TOKYO 5740.
SAITO STILL HAS NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM UNHCR GENEVA BUT HE
AGREED TO FORWARD REQUEST TO GENEVA. VIETNAMESE HAVE
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VERY LIMITED FUNDS AND ARE VERY DISCOURAGED WITH RESPONSE

THUS FAR. FRENCH HAVE BEEN "VERY FORTHCOMING" AND SEVERAL
GVN DIPLOMATS EXPECT TO RECEIVE VISAS FOR FRANCE MAY 6. (TUAN TOLD
US FRENCH ARE ISSUING VISAS FOR THREE MONTHS TO BE ADJUSTED IN
FRANCE).

3. IT APPEARS THAT HALF FOURTEEN GVN DIPLOMATS WHO WISH TO GO
TO US HAVE RELATIVES THERE (REF A). WE ARE FORWARDING THIS INFO
BY SEPTEL.
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